question of taking any penal action against them, does not arise.

(c) and (d) Eight persons are reported to have been appointed as Directors on the Boards of subsidiary Companies of the British India Corporation Ltd. in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Companies Act, 1956. Of these three have been appointed in Elgin Mills Company Ltd., four in Cawnpore Textile Mills and one in Brushware Company Ltd. during the period from 30th October, 1991 to 2nd December, 1991. All these persons have experience of public life and are of social repute. Some of them have experience of workers' trade unions and some of them are textile engineers.

International Labour Organisation on high accident rates in Asian region

1436. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that International Labour Organisation has identified that the accident rates in construction, mining, transport, agriculture and foresting is still high in Asian region; and

(b) if so, what preventive steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A number of statutes on occupational safety and health have been enacted and are amended from time to time with a view to ensuring the health and safety of workers in different branches of economic activity such as factories, mines, transport and agriculture. These Acts are the Factories Act, 1948 the Mines Act, 1952; the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, the Dangerous Machinery (Regulation) Act, 1983, the Insecticides Act, 1968 etc. The Government is also considering a central legislation on building and construction workers which would contain provisions for health and safety of workers engaged in this sector.

Agricultural Labour in the Country

1437. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of agriculture labourers working in the country alongwith their income, statewise; and

(b) the number of non-agriculture labourers in the country alongwith their per capita income, statewise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) Number of total working force and Agricultural Labourers as per 1981 Census are given in Table I. *(See below)*.

Average Wage/Salary Erarnings by adult male and female labourers in Agricultural, and Non-Agricultural occupations in 1987-88 is given in Table II and III respectively.

TABLE-I

Working Force and Number of Agricultural Labourers by States/Union Territories as per **1981** *Census,*

All India States/U.Ts,	Working Force (Main Workers)	Agricul tural Workers	Agricul tural Labourers
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	22·63	15·73	8·33
Assam	..	..	..
Bihar	20·75	16·41	7·37